Aid to Jama Masjid by Government

376. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted aid to Jama Masjid in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof, including the amount sanctioned and the reason therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to grant such aid to Ram Janambhoomi Temple in Ayodhya, Kashi Vishwanath Temple in Varanasi and Lord Venkateshwaria Temple at Tirupati;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Such a question cannot arise. However, conservation works of Jama Masjid, Delhi were taken up as a special case, considering its archaeological architectural and historical importance. An amount of Rs. 32,118/- has been spent during the year 1989-90 on its conservation by the Archaeological Survey of India.

(c) to (e) Each case for conservation of archaeological and historical monuments is considered on its own merits and requirement. Therefore, the question of any conservation work in respect of the monuments mentioned can be considered as and when the occasion arises.

"People affected by Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarover Projects"

377. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have asked for Forest land to rehabilitate the persons affected by Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarover Projects;

(b) if so, what is the response of the Government of India thereto; and

(c) which land is proposed by the Government of India for rehabilitation, in the event of refusal to give forest land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (MRS. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Maharashtra Government had requested for diversion of 2583.43 hectares of forest land in Dhule District for rehabilitation of oustees of Sardar Sarover Project. No proposal for rehabilitation of persons affected by Narmada Sagar Project has been received from Maharashtra State.

(b) The request of Government of Maharashtra has not been agreed to by this Ministry as the area contains good quality forests with over 5 lakh trees.

(c) Government of Maharashtra have been requested to explore other feasible alternatives.

378. [*Transferred to 17th May*, 1990]

Selection scale to school teachers in Delhi

379. SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1502 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 8th March, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the number of Primary School teachers, Trained Graduate Teachers and Post-Graduate Teachers in Government and Government aided schools in Delhi who have been given the Selection Scale after 12 years in Senior Scale so far;